

REMARKS

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice. Claims 1 and 3-27 are pending. Claims 1 and 3 are amended herein. No new matter is added as a result of the claim amendments.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 11-27 are allowable, and that Claims 2-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of Claims 2-27.

102 Rejections

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Vaughn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,647,986). The subject matter of Claim 2 has been incorporated into Claim 1. As mentioned above, Claim 2 is allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (Claim 1) and any intervening claims (there are none). Accordingly, Claim 1 is in condition for allowance, and a discussion of the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is rendered moot at this time.

Conclusions

Based on the remarks and amendments presented above, Applicants request allowance of the present Application.

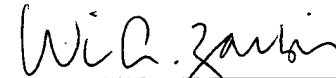
Applicants point out that no contested claims remain in the present Application.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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